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PERRY'S CATALOGUE

*Select Strawberry Plants
and Garden Roots*



Mastodon

A Wonderful Everbearer

BASIL PERRY

Georgetown

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Delaware



We believe you will find our plants as good as can be grown.

Why Plant Strawberries This Year?

We believe this is the year to plant Strawberries. They are a quick crop, bring returns soon after planting, and this is a great thing to consider at this time when most farmers have had to use some of their savings to keep going and the quicker we can market a money crop the better we will feel. Another thing that leads us to believe that strawberries will sell well in 1934 is from all the information that we can secure at this time, we do not believe there will be nearly as much acreage planted to strawberries this season as there was in 1932. Our prices for plants are the lowest in a good many years. You who have purchased plants from us already know the quality we furnish but to you who have never had any plants from us we want to say: we do not believe you can get any better plants from anyone, regardless of the price you may pay.

We will certainly appreciate your order this season and we assure you we will strive to give you such nice plants and good service that you will want to give us your order when you are in need of more plants.

Our plants are as nice this season as we have ever had and the crop is larger than for the past three seasons on account of the good growing season during 1932.

Again, we say, plant strawberries this season; not more than you can properly take care of as a small patch properly taken care of is much better than a large patch that is neglected. Get good plants, till and fertilize them properly and we believe you will receive good returns from your labor and investment.

Our wish is that 1933 and 1934 will treat you more kindly than did 1932.
Very Sincerely,

BASIL PERRY.



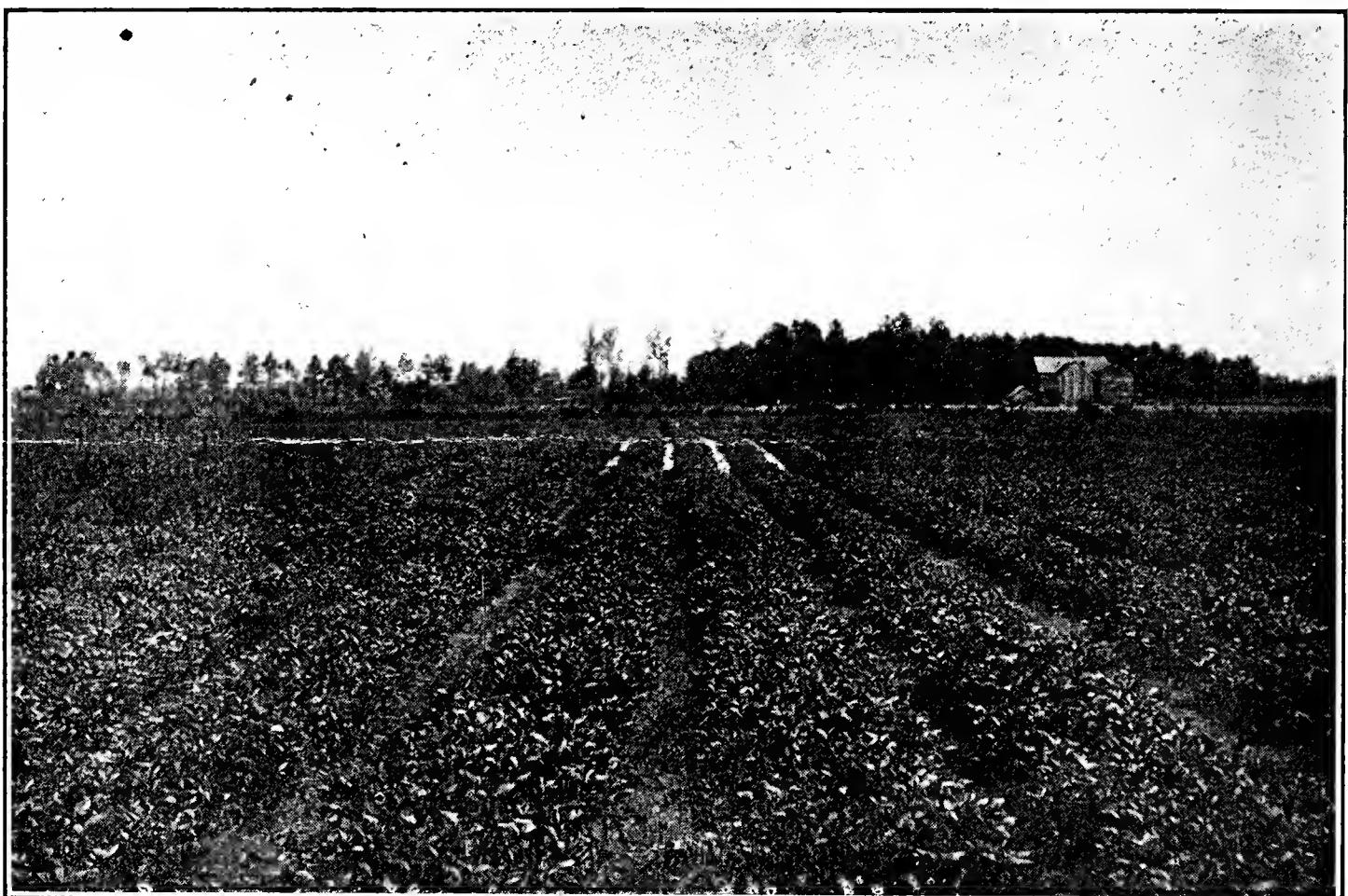
Premier

Finest and Most Profitable Early Strawberry

The best early variety and the best money maker of all early varieties; will do well in any soil or climate, but the better the soil and the better the care you give them the larger the profit they will return. They are very productive, producing more quarts of fancy berries per acre than any other variety we have ever known. The fruit ripens early and bears through a very long season. They make an abundant plant growth for a good fruiting bed, heavy bedders of nice, strong plants. The berries are beautiful in appearance, uniform in size and shape and a glossy, rich red with a bright green cap, which will be green at the end of the season, this is one reason why Premier always brings fancy prices. Premier is almost frost proof and in sections where late frosts made it unprofitable to raise early berries Premier is now grown with great success,

returning larger profits than the late varieties formerly grown. The fruit of Premier is very large and stays so till the end of the season, firm enough to stand shipment to distant markets in fine condition, and the flavor and quality cannot be surpassed. The foliage is very heavy, this is necessary for a variety to be an extra heavy producer. From our experience Premier is the best early variety for home garden, local market, or for the large grower who ships to distant markets, and we believe they will return larger profits than any early variety yet introduced.

OUR PREMIER PLANTS ARE AS GOOD AS CAN BE GROWN ANYWHERE



This is the way our Mastodon plants grow.

Everbearing Strawberries

There should always be some of these varieties planted in the home garden, for they will start fruiting 90 days after the plants are set and produce all through the summer and fall till there is a heavy frost. Any family that enjoys delicious strawberries (and we believe everyone does) should not be without at least one of the everbearing varieties, just to think you can have delicious strawberry shortcake and all the other strawberry desserts all through the summer and fall, with very little expense, for if given the proper care each plant set will often produce a quart or more of delicious berries during their long fruiting season. Many of our customers have told us they have had plenty for their own use and then sold enough to pay their expenses with a neat profit besides from just a small patch in their garden.

Since Mastodon has been introduced there are large profits for the grower who plants a large acreage, picking begins 90 days after the plants are set and you will have a nice income all through the summer and fall for there is a great demand and highest prices are paid for these berries. Be sure to include some in your order, for if you plant a few rows in with your standard varieties they may pay or more than pay the expenses on your whole patch, in this way you can have a larger acreage with a smaller outlay of cash.

The essentials in successfully producing everbearers are the same as for growing standard varieties, good fertile soil that will retain moisture should be used and be sure to get strong, healthy true-to-name plants, keep the blossom off till the last of June and the plant will make a vigorous growth and a fair bed and you will have plenty of berries on through the summer and fall.

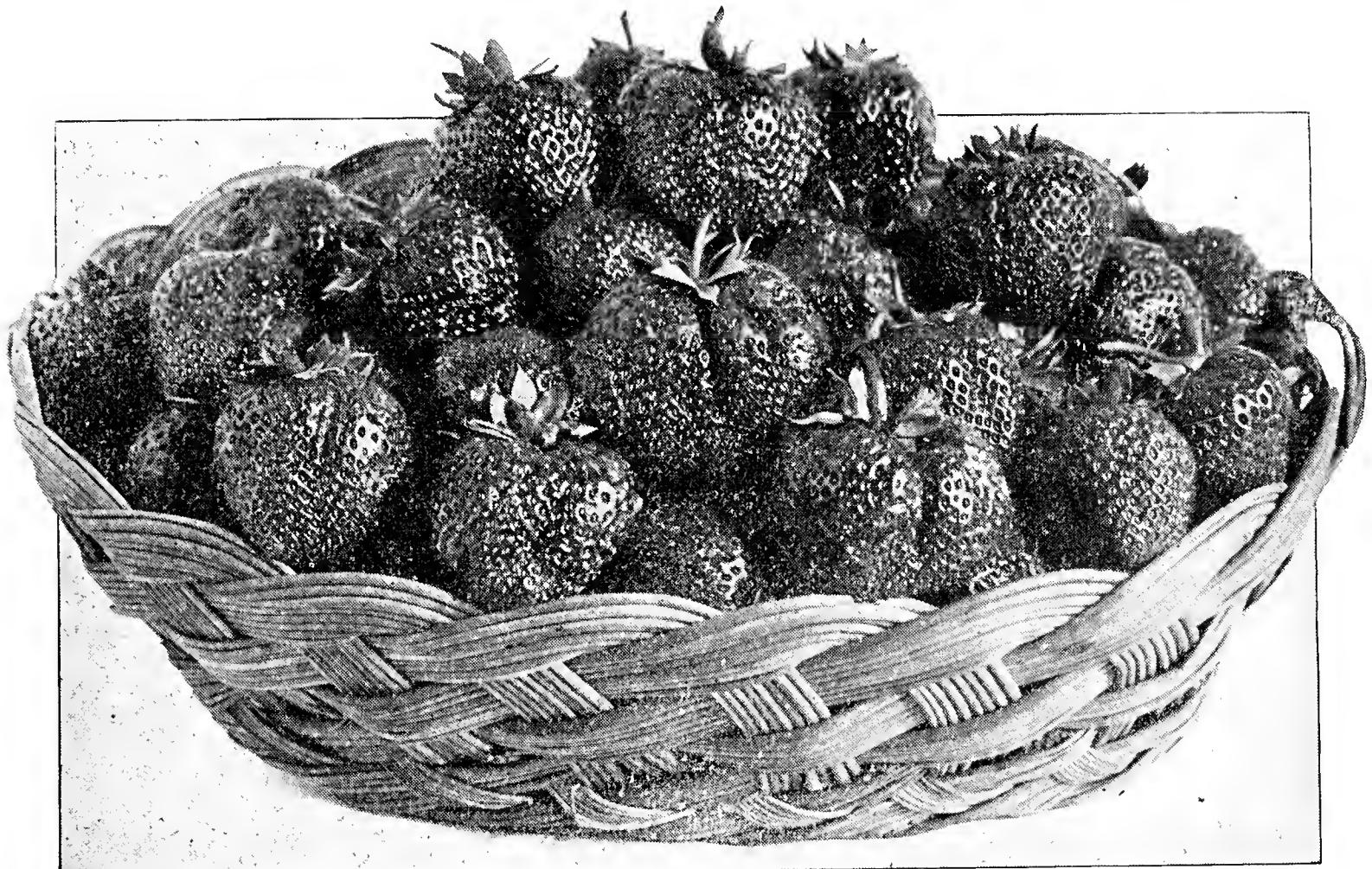
Dear Sir:

Hartford County, Conn., May 26, 1932.

The Mastodon strawberry plants received O. K. and they were the best plants I ever saw. Thanks for the fine stock you sent me; I have told several friends of mine about them.

Very truly yours,

Geo. Lipp.



A Basket of our Famous Mastodon Everbearing

MASTODON--The World's Best Everbearer

We hope you will plant some of our heavy yielding strain of guaranteed true to name Mastodon. We grew the largest crop of berries from this strain of Mastodon we have ever had the pleasure to pick and the demand was so great we were unable to supply our trade with these improved berries.

Mastodon is a strong, vigorous grower, producing big, juicy, sparkling red berries of the most delicious flavor, with a bright green cap and are firm enough to carry hundreds of miles in perfect condition and command top price in any market. Mastodon begins fruiting 90 days after the plants are set and keep right on till hard freezing weather in the fall, fruits again with the standard varieties the next spring and after a lay-off of 2 or 3 weeks, start fruiting again and with careful attention will produce for another season or possibly longer. We have selected our plants for the past six years and now feel we have the best Mastodon plants that can be found. We sold hundreds of thousands of these plants last year and have a fine supply for the coming season. We recommend Mastodon for a sure quick money crop.

Saratoga County, N. Y.—Last spring I bought 100 Mastodon strawberry plants from you, and they were fine plants, I must say. They grew off just fine, and in due time had fruit on them, and the last picking was in October and it was even published in the local paper. We live in the Adirondack Park, 2000 feet above the sea.

A. W. Bowen.

Northampton County, Pa.—Wish to advise that the strawberry plants and asparagus roots have been received and were in very fine condition.

C. F. Hartzell.

Orleans County, Vermont—Strawberry plants arrived May 2 in good condition. We are more than pleased with them. They have been planted 9 days and all taken on a new leaf and every one living. Shall order more next year.

Mrs. Damon L. Brown.

Have Strawberries all Summer and Fall with these Everbearers



Lucky Strike is one of the good newer Everbearing varieties

Lucky Strike A new everbearing variety that is a dandy. A very strong, thrifty grower with tall luxuriant foliage to protect the bloom and fruit from the hot sun and frosts. Practically every blossom makes a berry and every berry makes a perfect fruit medium to large in size. Fine quality and produced in great abundance throughout the summer and fall.

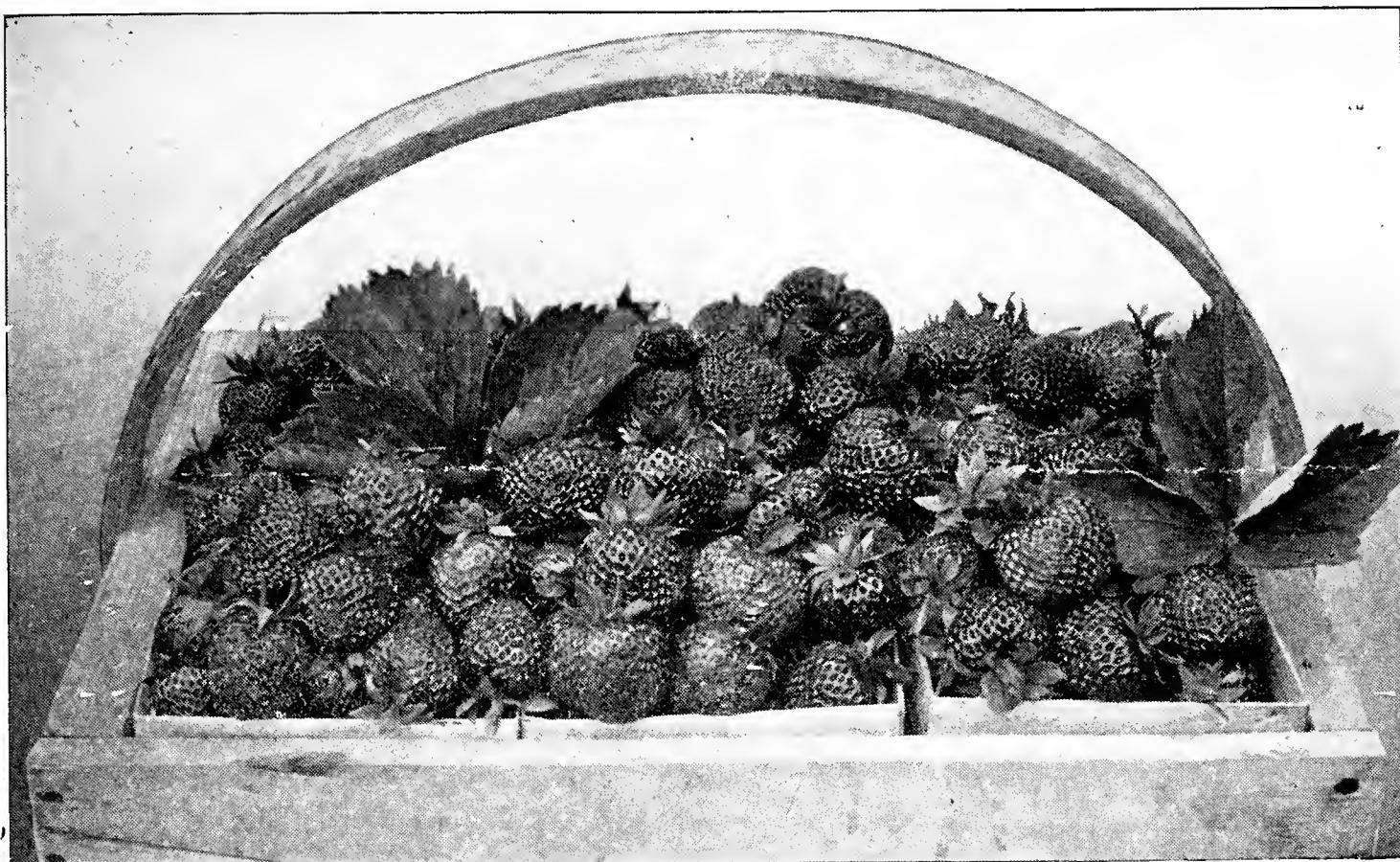
Cumberland County, Pa.—Received our Mastodon strawberry plants last week in good condition and are very much pleased with them.

Mrs. F. H. Wallace.

RIDGELY—A very fine early variety. The plants are splendid growers. Large and healthy, with tall bluff, coarse foliage and heavy rooted. In productiveness it equals the most productive varieties and the fruit is large and very firm. The color is a rich, dark glossy red and the fruit of excellent quality. This berry is only three or four days later than the Premier in ripening and the fruit is so much like the Gandy that you will have to examine it closely to see the difference.

HOWARD NO. 17—This berry is exactly the same as Premier. We have kept our original stock separate for those who wish to try it for themselves, but we know it is the same in every respect. No higher place can be given it.

CORSICAN—Mid-season. Very large and productive, of a rich melting flavor, plants strong and well rooted. Extensively grown in the northern states.



Real beauties and as good as they look

Beauty One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season to late varieties. The plants and foliage are large and strong with long fibrous roots reaching way down into the soil and are exceedingly vigorous, making fine fruiting beds on any soil. The berries are real beauties, every one being almost perfect in shape and with more gloss and shine than any other variety we know of. Berries are very large and produced in great abundance. They are very fine in quality and firm enough to ship. Sells for top prices. It is also a fine table berry and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. The blossoms are very resistant to injury by late frosts. Makes good under nearly all conditions.

CHESAPEAKE--Late. One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Yellow Jersey and Nancy Hall varieties ready from about May 10th to July 1st. Price 50c per 100, 500 for \$1.50, 1000 for \$3.00 postpaid.

By express or parcel post, purchaser to pay charges, 5000 for \$12.50.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON--Washington asparagus is generally recognized to be the best variety—and Mary Washington the best strain of that variety. Leading asparagus growers say that it starts earlier, produces more and larger stocks, possesses the highest rust-resistance and will net more money per acre or more satisfaction in the home garden. Price of good strong roots: 50c for 25; 75c for 50; \$1.25 per 100; \$8.00 per 1000.

RHUBARB ROOTS

MYATTS LINNAEUS--The earliest and best variety. The stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide and are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds. Price of good strong roots: 20c each; 3 for 50c; 6 for 90c; 12 for \$1.50; 100 for \$6.00. Prepaid.

Price List of

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

	By Parcel Post Prepaid			By Parcel Post or Express Purchaser to pay charges			
	25	50	100	100	500	1000	5000
Beauty.....	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$0.90	\$0.70	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$22.50
Chesapeake.....	.30	.50	.90	.70	2.50	5.00	22.50
Corsican.....	.30	.50	.90	.70	2.50	5.00	22.50
Howard 17.....	.30	.50	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Lucky Strike (Everbearing) ..	.50	.80	1.50	1.25	5.00	10.00	45.00
Mastodon (Everbearing).....	.40	.70	1.25	1.00	4.00	7.50	35.00
Premier.....	.30	.50	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Ridgely.....	.30	.50	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75

Instructions To Purchasers

Order at once, as soon as convenient after receiving this catalog. Late in the season we may be sold out of some varieties, but if ordered early the plants are reserved for you, to be shipped at the proper time for planting.

Terms—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

Packing is done in the best possible manner. All plants are cleaned, tied in bunches, and labeled and packed in light crates or baskets, for which I make no charge.

True to Name—While I use every precaution to have all plants, etc., true to name (and I believe I come as near doing this as anyone in the business), I will not be responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock should any prove otherwise than as represented.

Our Prices—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

Our Stock is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

OUR PLANTS ARE TRUE TO NAME

Montgomery County, Pa.—The strawberry plants I got from you last year all grew with all the drought. Mrs. M. E. Holly.

Suffolk County, N. Y.—Two years ago I bought 500 Howard 17 strawberry plants from you. They were the finest plants I have seen anywhere. They arrived in fine condition and did not lose a plant. Louis Elliott.